Angus & Robertson – Castlereagh Street Staff & Memories (1960–1972)

This note records memories of Angus & Robertson's famous flagship store at **89 Castlereagh Street, Sydney**, during the years 1960–1972. These years marked the final era of A&R;'s presence at Castlereagh Street before the move to Pitt Street in 1972. The recollections come from **Richard Wakefield**, who worked at the store through this period, alongside colleagues whose names survive in memory.

Staff Remembered (1960–1972):
- **Richard Wakefield**: Staff member from 1960 until 1972, providing first-hand memories of the store and its people.
- **Tim Blyth**: Colleague remembered by Richard; further details on role/department to be added as recollections surface.
- **Clarrie Eling**: Another colleague from the Castlereagh St store.
- **Noel Gervan** (spelling uncertain): Remembered as part of the staff team during this era.
- **Hedley Jefferies**: A noted bookseller of the time, well known in Sydney's book trade circles.

Context:
Angus & Robertson had occupied 89 Castlereagh Street since 1895, making it one of Sydney's landmark bookshops. By the 1960s it was both a retail hub and a social centre for book lovers. The shop's layout, atmosphere, and staff culture were remembered fondly by those who worked there.

In 1971–72, A&R; vacated Castlereagh Street and moved to a new flagship store in Pitt Street, closing a chapter in Sydney bookselling history. Not long after, in January 1975, the old Castlereagh building suffered a major fire and was lost. Those who worked there during the final years, such as Richard and his colleagues, witnessed the end of an era and the transition into a new one.

Sources & Leads:
- Company histories and archival notes on Angus & Robertson's Castlereagh St years.
- Trove newspapers (ads, notices, and possible mentions of staff names).
- State Library of NSW and City of Sydney archives (photographs of the Castlereagh St store).
- Oral recollections provided by Richard Wakefield.

Further research may confirm additional staff names and roles, particularly through trade directories, memoirs, and staff newsletters of the time.